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J TOM BROKAW: Last May, during our coverage of the Ronald Pelton spy trial, CIA Director William Casey raised questions about whether NBC News and correspondent James Polk violated the law in reporting on a secret eavesdropping project which was called Ivy Bells. That project had been mentioned by name in the courtroom.

In a speech in Washington last night, Casey said he now thinks that there probably is no reason to prosecute. He also said, "I want to apologize to Polk."